

I write to implore you to act swiftly and decisively to prevent Sinclair Broadcasting Company from using its considerable market share to foist a piece of scurrilous propaganda on its viewers under the guise of "news." The Republican spin on the John Kerry/Swift Boat saga has been thoroughly discredited; yet, it's breathtaking what some people with money and power will say and do in order to get more money and power.

This illegal in-kind contribution of political advertising must not be allowed to stand. Sinclair's offering to allow John Kerry to sit on a panel after the airing in order to defend himself against an hour-and-a-half of lies is spurious at best. No candidate in his right mind would accept such an offer, and Kerry was right to refuse. This offer does not relieve Sinclair of its obligation to act responsibly as a mainstream media outlet by fairly representing all sides.

Sinclair apparently believes itself to be above the law. Please remind it of its obligations and its rightful place in the scheme of things, which is in service, not in defiance, of the law and the public trust.

Thank you.